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SUBJECT: EC GRAIN MONITOR

PASS AGRICULTURE FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY YEUTTER FROM BELL

REF: EC BRUSSELS 8564

1. WISH TO CLARIFY SEVERAL POINTS RE GRAIN TALKS WITH LARDINOIS AND HIS STAFF. EC HAS IMPORT LICENSING SYSTEM IN EFFECT FOR GRAINS AT PRESENT TIME AS PART OF IMPORT LEVY SYSTEM ALTHOUGH LEVIES ARE ZERO. IMPORT LICENSES ARE GRANTED FREELY BY MEMBER STATE GOVERNMENTS TO IMPORTERS. IMPORT LICENSES, HOWEVER, ARE VALID FOR ONLY 60 DAYS. THEREFORE, ONLY SMALL PORTION OF CORN NOW REPORTED TO USDA BY U.S. EXPORT FIRMS AS SOLD FOR EXPORT TO EC (13.6 MILLION TONS) HAS BEEN LICENSED FOR IMPORT INTO EC BECAUSE OF 60 DAY LIMITATION ON VALIDITY OF IMPORT LICENSES.

2. SINCE IMPORT LICENSES ARE ISSUED BY MEMBER STATES, EC COMMISSION IN BRUSSELS NOT CURRENTLY INFORMED ON QUANTITY PRESENTLY LICENSED FOR IMPORT, BUT LARDINOIS INSTRUCTED RABOT TO IMMEDIATELY COLLECT THESE DATA AND BEGIN COLLECTING THEM ON A REGULAR AND PROMPT

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BASIS SO AS TO HAVE A SYSTEM WHEREBY THE EC COMMISSION CAN

MONITOR GRAIN IMPORTS INTO EC MUCH AS USDA IS NOW MONITORING
GRAIN EXPORTS FROM U.S.

3. ALTHOUGH LARDINOIS TALKED IN TERMS OF A RANGE OF 7 TO 7.5
MILLION TONS FOR EC IMPORTS OF U.S. CORN DURING 1974/75, WE
HELD FRIM TO OUR EARLIER ESTIMATE OF 7 MILLION TONS. EC COMMISSION
CURRENTLY ESTIMATES EC CORN IMPORTS FROM ALL ORIGINS AT 8.8
MILLION TONS AND EXPORTS AT 700,000 TONS FOR NET IMPORTS OF 8.1
MILLION TONS. VOLPE

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